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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FOR
FORMER LUXEMBOURG PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER
(S/S 7504906)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. JOSEPH BECH, FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN
MINISTER OF LUXEMBOURG, DIED IN LUXEMBOURG SUNDAY. I
BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW OF BECH'S LONG TENURE AS FOREIGN
MINISTER (1926-1959) AND HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE
FOUNDING OF NATO AS WELL AS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE, A CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM YOU WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE.

2. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU SEND THE FOLLOWING
CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO THORN:

QTE: DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I WAS VERY SADDENED TO
LEARN OF THE DEATH OF JOSEPH BECH. HE WILL BE LONG
REMEMBERED AS AN EMINENT LUXEMBOURG STATESMAN AND FOR
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HIS CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED

NATIONS, THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, AND THE
COUNCIL OF EUROPE. PLEASE EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO
HIS FAMILY. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QTE.
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